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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 700
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor Ruth "Babe" Carter for her laudable service to the Sumner County community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those exemplary persons who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ruth "Babe" Carter is most assuredly one such extraordinary person who is richly deserving of this body's praise; she is an inspiration to all who are privileged to know her; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, she has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bethpage, Mrs. Carter is a graduate of Gallatin High School, where she was a valuable member of the Gallatin Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, Ruth "Babe" Carter began her remarkable service with the seniors of Sumner County as a bus driver for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in 1971; and

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WHEREAS, in May of 1974, she was one of fifty people who joined forces with the Gallatin Kiwanis Club to form the Senior Citizens Club; and

WHEREAS, when the group expanded its activities in August of 1976, Mrs. Carter was appointed Director of the Gallatin Senior Citizens Center, where for numerous years she has served with the utmost diligence and joy; and

WHEREAS, under the astute guidance of Ruth “Babe” Carter, the Gallatin Senior Citizens Center has increased the size of its facilities and have added several outstanding classes and activities, including ceramics, bingo, quilting, pool, rook, trips, and potluck lunches; and

WHEREAS, she was named Citizen of the Year by *The News-Examiner* in 1984 for her dedication and steadfast efforts on behalf of the Gallatin Senior Citizens Center and her gracious service to the Sumner County community; and

WHEREAS, the driving force behind the Gallatin Senior Citizens Center, this remarkable woman was also honored with the Terry Colwell Award by the United Way of Sumner County for her outstanding volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carter is a devout member of the Bethpage Methodist Church, where she established the Homecoming Program in 1965 and for many years was an integral part of the church’s annual fish fry; and

WHEREAS, Ruth “Babe” Carter is the loving and proud mother of three children, Charlie, Joe, and Judy; and

WHEREAS, she is a wonderful human being who inspires others with her passion and enthusiasm; the epitome of a kind neighbor and citizen, her life of service and goodwill stands as a testament of the difference one person can make; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carter is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the “Volunteer State”; and

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this General Assembly to honor this exceptional public servant for her uncommon devotion and service to the citizens of Sumner County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Ruth Carter, commend her meritorious service to the Sumner County Community, applaud her years of immeasurable service to the Sumner County Senior Citizens Center, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.